

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
08-01-11

Chairman Boyer opened the meeting.

NICKEL PLATE TRAIL

JoAnn Smith and Mike Kuepper, Nickel Plate Trail, came before the Board to inquire on the ordinance for the Trail. Chairman Boyer asked if his cattle got out and got on the Trail would he be fined \$250. Mr. Kuepper stated that he would not; the fine is for people who intentionally take hoofed animals on the trail.

The Board also asked about handicap wheelchairs and scooters. The Board for the Trail has always encouraged handicap use of the Trail. There is also some concern about bicycles racing on the trail.

Commissioner Francis has the following concerns:

- *The Trail being private property (but open to the public)
- *The burden it would put on Law Enforcement (answering calls)
- *Not being allowed to carry a firearm (while having a permit and being alone on certain stretches of the trail).

Commissioner Francis asked to have another week to research. Commissioner Faust agreed saying he would like to do more research as well. Commissioner Francis made a motion to table for another week. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 2-1 (Chairman Boyer opposed).

OCRA

Steven Ray, OCRA, brought the Board a list of projects that were submitted for the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy grant. Mr. Ray wants the Board of Commissioners to put together a CEDS committee to review and make recommendations (about 6 members). The Committee would probably meet once a month through March or April. Commissioner Boyer said the committee needs a Commissioner, a member of Economic Development and someone from Agriculture and possibly the schools.

Chairman Boyer also spoke with Mr. Ray about the Pipe Creek Drain that runs through several counties. Mr. Ray will get more information and see if there is any way he can help.

TAX BILL WITH INCORRECT INFORMATION

Gary and Juanita Colgrove came before the Board of Commissioner because they had sold a trailer to their son several years ago and the tax bill is still in their name. They have been to the Treasurer and Assessor and no one seems to be able to help them. Commissioner Francis called the Treasurer and the Assessor and was able to get them the help they were looking for.

HIGHWAY

Sam Waltz, Highway Supervisor, asked the Board about a permit that NIPSCO was requesting. No one has seen it and Mr. Waltz will call them and see if they can resend.

Mr. Waltz told the Board he will need to be on the Council agenda because he needs to move some money from 04 capital outlays to 03 other services.

Commissioner Boyer told Mr. Waltz that he had received a call about a manure dump on 200W and 1000N and asked him if he would check it out. Mr. Waltz agreed to check it out.

WIND FARM ORDINANCE

Darrell Wooten, Planning and Zoning, brought the Wind Ordinance before the Board for final approval. Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve the Wind Farm Ordinance (#08-01-2011). Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Wooten informed the Board that the Building Commission Board was in need of a replacement member and recommended that Randy Hileman be appointed to that Board. Commissioner Faust made a motion to appoint Randy Hileman to the Building Commission Board. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

EMA

Kris Marks, EMA Director, informed the Board that he had been given the go ahead for the District grant he applied for and requested permission to keep working on. The Board asked him if there was anything in the grant that would allow for an administrative fee and Mr. Marks said there was not. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow Mr. Marks to follow through on this grant. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0 (Commissioner Boyer was out of the room).

He also gave the Board some information regarding competitive grants for narrow banding. They are mostly geared toward 9-1-1 Centers and asked that 9-1-1 be brought up to date.

BUSINESS 31 PROJECT

The project Manager came before the Board to inform them that he had spent some time with the crew to make sure any debris left behind was picked up. The Board asked for another week to check things out before they sign off.

MAXIMUS BILL

The Board received a bill from Maximus for services. Commissioner Faust made a motion to process for payment and Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

CLIMATE MAKERS BILL

The Board received 2 bills from Climate Makers for work on the Museum. Commissioner Faust made a motion to process the bills for payment to be taken out of Cum Courthouse. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Francis made a motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

The Board spoke with Pat Roberts, County Attorney, regarding their concerns on the Nickel Plate Trail. Mr. Roberts will do some checking for them.

The Board would also like Mr. Roberts to look into having inter-local agreements with the incorporated cities and towns to pay for animals from their areas picked up by Animal Control and have to be disposed of.

The Board asked Mr. Roberts to do a resolution for the County VPN usage. Commissioner Faust said he would like the Board to discuss the following:

- *Use of County laptops
- *Eating food at the work place
- *Wearing flip-flops (footwear) to work

CLAIMS

Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve the claims. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen spoke with the Board about the signs for Pizza Quick, Business 31. Mr. Einselen said Pizza Quick had been paid \$1200 to help with removing signs from the right of way from the project to go towards moving them somewhere else. The Board will drive out and look at lunch.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to have Chairman Boyer sign the claim voucher for the project. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to the Chairman sign the LPA claims for the project. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Tim Miller discussed issues of the Nickel Plate Trail with the Board.

Sheriff Miller also informed the Board that the Department had received a grant to purchase 5 additional AEDs. He also found pads for the machines for a lower price.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to recess until 2:00. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

BACK IN SESSION

The Board met with Jacob Bowman, Bowman’s Heating and Cooling, to discuss the problems with the air conditioning unit. Mr. Bowman explained what the issues were and the action taken to correct the problem. He did suggest possibly buying spare parts to keep on hand such as pressure valves and R-22 refrigerant. There was a problem with communication and Mr. Bowman apologized.

The Board also spoke with Mr. Bowman about the Seiman’s contract and whether it is advantageous for the County. Mr. Bowman said in his opinion the updates they provide are well worth the money. They have made some changes that have made the system much more efficient and cost effective.

There was also a discussion about moving the generator from the old jail to the Courthouse. Things to think about:

- *change just 1 motor which will prevent freezing due to loss of power
- *consider a phase converter

Commissioner Francis made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

_____, Chairman
C. Craig Boyer

_____, Vice Chairman
H. Jon Faust

_____, Member
Joshua Francis

Attest: _____ Auditor
Jane Lilley